



An introduction to Wallonia

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Belgium: A Federal Country

Brussels

Flanders

Wallonia





Wallonia: General overlook

Area of 6,600 sq. miles

3.4 million inhabitants

Immediate vicinity of European and MNO's HQ

Immediate vicinity of major capitals

Dense communication infrastructures

French, English, Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish widely spoken

Multicultural population





Wallonia: Economy

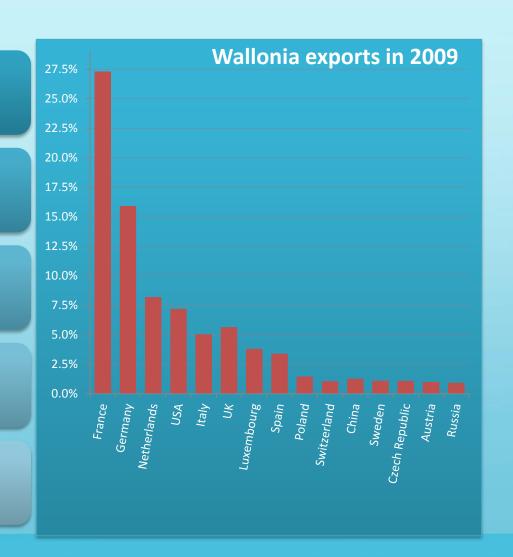
Wallonia = 106.3 GDP/hab. in PPS (UE 15=100)

67% of the Walloon companies global turnover is export

In 2009: \$62bn of export

Worldwide known products

Diversity of the offer





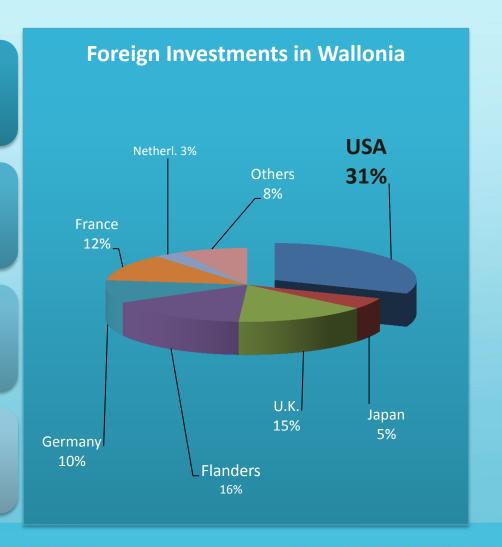
Wallonia: US Investments

US: 1st investor in Wallonia!

In 2010: 1 investment out of 3 is American

2006 - 2011: US Investments = \$ 2.2 bn!

1 job out of 3 relies on US investments





Wallonia: The people

High productivity

Strong entrepreneurial mind

Diversity in manpower

Educated and trained

Skilled and multilingual





Wallonia: Fiscality

Real Corporate tax = Effective 25%

Ruling that can forsee the future tax level

Notional interest deduction

Dividend withholding tax exemption

Attractive tax system for expats

No double taxation between US/Wallonia



Thank you!





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